

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
October 6, 2010

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh (74/82)
Eugene Leapley (49/55)
Maria Greenberg (12/13)
Lou Spacco (8/8)
John Hitzel (7/8)
Sarah Wamack (1-1)

Present

William Dryburgh
Eugene Leapley
Lou Spacco
John Hitzel
Sarah Wamack

County Representatives

Bob Starr, Commissioner
John Jackson, Director
Andy Stevens, Parks & Natural Resources Manager
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Assistant II

Guests

Sean Nicol

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the August 4 and September 1, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

II. Division Reports

Reports were distributed by email to members before the meeting.

- Tennis program was discussed
- Recreation Coordinator became certified playground equipment inspector
 - Letter to coordinator of congratulations was discussed from Commissioner Starr, Bill Dryburgh and John Jackson

III. New Business

• **Review of Park Naming application**

- Sean Nicol spoke in support of application to name the football field in West County after his father

Motion to recommend approval of the park naming application by John Hitzel, seconded by Lou Spacco was unanimously carried.

- County Commission has final approval of this application

IV. Old Business

▪ **Future Field Trips**

- Sunshine Law implications for our field trip tours resulted in the cancellation of the planned trip
- Instead of field trips, a suggestion was made to have this meeting at different locations in the County i.e. recreation centers, parks or pools
 - Director agreed that the meetings at different locations could start after the first of next year - 4 times a year

▪ **Parking Meters Update**

- Redrafting the memo, more information received from the state
- The Director met with the accounting department to work out the new procedure
- This item will be brought before the Commission in November

▪ **RFP for Sports Park Management**

- One response received from Ripken - meeting tomorrow afternoon to discuss the quality of the response
- Will be forwarded to the Commission

V. Sports Council Update

- Youth Sports Council next meeting set for October 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Mid-County Library
 - Discussion of incident with Pop Warner Football; disagreement with coaches, a film of coaches drinking beer after the game was on a local TV news program.
 - Issue with Murdock Little League - disparaging comments made online about the president of Murdock Little League and the program - the League has set an emergency meeting for tonight; this does not involve Charlotte County other than that they use our fields.

VI. Member Issues

- Lou Spacco expressed concern of the CRA Harborwalk project
 - Commissioner Starr relayed that it has been in the works for years; he will keep the board informed
- Decision to invite Debrah Forester to the November meeting to discuss the drawings and plans
- New member, Sarah Wamack was introduced and members relayed background on themselves and their districts

VII. Director's Report

- JM Berlin/Rotary Skate Park
 - There have been three meetings
 - Friends of the Skate Park group is looking for volunteers
 - Hoping to form a 501c3
 - Discussion of BMX bikes being admitted to the skate park
 - Closed circuit security system - Mrs. Berlin agreed to purchase, cost of \$3,200 - because of vandalism
- NCRP Ceremony by VFW scheduled for November 11 - invitations will be sent out
- Memorial for Dr. Coy was well attended by county staff and approx. 100 people
 - Possible park/facility naming in his honor was discussed
- Kiwanis Park - Army Corp of Engineers
 - Permit needed to do work in the hidric hammock to open up the line of sight
 - Online survey available on County website for additional responses
- Citizens Academy
 - Last Friday the director made his presentation
 - Good group of people who were very interested in the County, they asked questions, gave their ideas

VIII. Citizen Input

- Sean Nicol spoke earlier in the meeting, but did mention that he never realized all that goes on at this meeting.
- Director relayed that one million people visit Englewood Beach each year.

IX. Announcements

- John Hitzel and possibly Bill Dryburgh will be absent from the November meeting

X. Upcoming Events

- Events as listed on the Agenda

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1:55 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Robert Skidmore, District 1
Commissioner Adam Cummings, District 2
Commissioner Robert Starr, District 3
Commissioner Richard Loftus, District 4
Commissioner Tricia Duffy, District 5
Raymond Sandrock, Administrator
Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant County Administrator